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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YEUTTER VISIT TO TOKYO

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1. DETAILED LIST OF SUBJECTS WE PROPOSE TO DISCUSS IN BILATERAL MTN CONSULTATIONS ON JULY 29-30 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY GATT DIVISION, WHICH HAS SINCE RECEIVED PRELIMINARY REACTIONS FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING GOJ MINISTRIES. ALTHOUGH FINAL RESPONSE TO OUR AGENDA SUGGESTIONS CANNOT BE MADE BEFORE DEPUTY DIR GEN MIZOGUCHI RETURNS TO TOKYO ON SATURDAY, INITIAL REACTION IS FAVORABLE. JAPANESE SIDE IS PREPARED TO HAVE THE U.S. BRING UP EACH OF THE POINTS LISTED BUT PREFERS TO KEEP AGENDA ON INFORMAL BASIS. THE JAPANESE ARE FLEXIBLE ABOUT ORDER OF PRESENTATION BUT ARE PLANNING TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ON JULY 30.

2. ADDITION OF TARIFFS AS NEW SUBJECT ON AGENDA HAS ENCOUNTERED NO OBJECTIONS, ALTHOUGH JAPANESE HAVE WARNED US THAT THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAY MUCH BEYOND THEIR VIEWS EXPRESSED IN GENEVA. THEY HAVE, INCIDENTALLY, CONFIRMED UKAWA'S DENIAL IN GENEVA (REF B) OF PRESS REPORT THAT TARIFF CUTTING FORMULA TO BE PROPOSED BY JAPAN WOULD BE Y EQUALS 30 PLUS X ITERATED THREE TIMES.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT FINANCE
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MINISTRY CUSTOMS BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DIVISION DIRECTOR

SAKAMIZU WOULD BE BEST QUALIFIED PERSON IN THAT

MINISTRY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH AMBASSADOR YEUTTER.
SAKAMIZU WILL ATTEND CONSULTATIONS AND WE WILL TRY TO
ARRANGE SEPARATE MEETING WITH HIM FOR AMBASSADOR YEUTTER.

4. AG MINISTER ABE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 28 AND
APPOINTMENT WITH HIM HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 1130 ON
JULY 30. IF YOU AGREE, WE SUGGEST AMBASSADOR YEUTTER
BUTTON AND THOMASSON MEET WITH MINISTER AT THAT TIME WHILE OTHER
DELEGATION MEMBERS CONTINUE MTN CONSULTATIONS. JAPANESE ARE
AGREEABLE TO HAVING AMBASSADOR YEUTTER ABSENT FOR A SHORT
TIME.

5. FINAL APPROVAL FROM MIN TRANSPORTATION TO HOLD AUTO
TALKS IS STILL PENDING, BUT WE AND FORN MINISTRY ANTICIPATE
APPROVAL FOR AFTERNOON OF JULY 28 AS PLANNED.

6. NIHON KEIZAI PREFERS TO HOLD INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR
YEUTTER AT ABOUT 1800 ON FRIDAY, JULY 30 IN ORDER TO
MEET PRESS DEADLINES. INTERVIEW MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL

7. MINISTER BUTTON PLANS TO MEET AMBASSADOR YEUTTER
UPON ARRIVAL AT 1500 ON JULY 27. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE
FOR CARS TO TRANSPORT DELEGATION MEMBERS ARRIVING AT
OTHER TIMES. EMBASSY DRIVER WILL MEET INDIVIDUALS UPON
ARRIVAL AT NORTHWEST AL DESK OUTSIDE CUSTOMS AREA IN
ARRIVALS BUILDING. IF FOR ANY REASON EMBASSY DRIVER
NOT AVAILABLE, REQUEST DELEGATION MEMBERS TO TAKE TAXIS
TO OKURA HOTEL WHERE ALL REQUESTED RESERVATIONS HAVE
BEEN MADE AND CONFIRMED.
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